

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for repairing a femur comprising in combination:

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- (A) a connector having a superior end and an inferior end, at least a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior, and a posterior side opposing the anterior side;
 - (B) at least one claw at the superior end, the at least one claw having at least one extension or hook;
 - (C) at least one cable aperture or surface groove along the connector extending from one side to another side of the connector; and
 - (D) at least one bone screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the medial side.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the superior end has a first transition portion that is detachable from a second transition portion of the inferior end.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inferior end is bowed or rotated to more properly align with a bone of a the body.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the connector includes a transition portion between the inferior end and the superior end to allow bending of the connector to more properly align with a bone of a the body.

Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bone screw slot is located along the inferior end.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bone screw slot is a compression-type slot.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

(E) at least one bone screw engageable within the bone screw slot and within a bone of a the body.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bone screw slot is configured to angle a bone screw when it is inserted into the bone screw slot to avoid a prosthesis in a the body.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the superior end includes a cable aperture.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the cable aperture is angled or on a curved path relative to the anterior and posterior sides of the superior end.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

(E) a cable insertable within the cable aperture.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

(E) at least one cable screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the cable aperture.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

- (F) at least one cable screw each engageable within the respective cable screw slot and capable of crimping a cable within the cable aperture.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

- (E) a driver slot along the lateral side of the superior end.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:

- (F) a driver engageable with the driver slot.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An apparatus for repairing a hip comprising in combination:

- (A) a connector having a superior end and an inferior end, a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior side, and a posterior side opposing the anterior side;
- (B) at least one cable aperture along the connector;
- (C) at least one cable aperture or surface groove along the superior end; and
- (D) at least one claw member at the superior end, the at least one claw member having at least one extension or hook.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the superior end has a first transition portion that is detachable from a second transition portion of the inferior end.

Claim 18 (withdrawn)

Claim 19 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the inferior end is bowed or rotated to more properly align with a bone of a ~~the~~ body.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the connector includes a transition portion between the inferior end and the superior end to allow bending of the connector to more properly align with a bone of a ~~the~~ body.

Claim 21 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:

(D) at least one bone screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the medial side.

Claim 22 (original): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the bone screw slot is located along the inferior end.

Claim 23 (original): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the bone screw slot is a compression-type slot.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:

(E) at least one bone screw engageable within the bone screw slot and within a bone of a ~~the~~ body.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the bone screw slot is configured to angle a bone screw when it is inserted into the bone screw slot to avoid a prosthesis in a ~~the~~ body.

Claim 26 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the cable aperture is angled relative to a lateral side of the superior end.

Claim 27 (original): The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:

(D) a cable insertable within the cable aperture.

Claim 28 (original): The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:

(D) at least one cable screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the cable aperture.

Claim 29 (original): The apparatus of claim 28 further comprising:

(E) at least one cable screw engageable within the cable screw slot and capable of crimping a cable within the cable aperture.

Claim 30 (original): The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:

(D) a driver slot along the lateral side of the superior end.

Claim 31 (original): The apparatus of claim 30 further comprising:

(E) a driver engageable with the driver slot.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A system for repairing a femur comprising in combination:

(A) a connector having a superior end and an inferior end, a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior side and a posterior side opposite the anterior side;

(B) a driver slot along the lateral side of the superior end;

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- (C) a transition portion in the connector between the inferior end and the superior end to allow bending of the connector to properly align with a bone of a the-body;
- (D) at least one cable aperture extending through opposing sides of the superior end;
- (E) at least one cable aperture along the connector extending between the anterior and posterior sides of the connector;
- (F) at least one cable screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the cable aperture;
- (G) at least one bone screw slot along the inferior end of the connector extending from the lateral side to the medial side;
- (H) a claw-like member at the superior end, the claw member having at least one extension or hook.

Claim 33 (original): The system of claim 32, wherein the superior end has a first transition portion that is detachable from a second transition portion of the inferior end.

Claim 34 (withdrawn)

Claim 35 (currently amended): The system of claim 32 wherein the inferior end of the connector is bowed to more properly align with a bone of a the-body.

Claims 36-37 (withdrawn)

Claim 38 (currently amended): A connector for repairing a femur comprising in combination:

- (A) a superior end having a first portion;

(B) an inferior end having a second portion that is detachably mated to the first portion of the superior end, the inferior end having at least a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior, and a posterior side opposing the anterior side; and

(C) at least one claw at the superior end, the at least one claw having at least one extension or hook

Claim 39 (original): The connector of claim 38, further comprising:

(D) at least one cable aperture or surface groove along the connector extending from one side to another side of the connector.

Claim 40 (original): The connector of claim 39, further comprising:

(E) at least one bone screw slot along the connector extending from the lateral side to the medial side.

Claim 41 (original): The connector of claim 39 wherein the inferior end and the superior end are mated by at least one screw.